

**City of Somerville, Massachusetts
Matters of business of the Board of Aldermen
in hands of the Clerk by 2PM the day of the meeting**

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

February 24, 2005, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers

OPENING OF THE MEETING

1. Call of the Roll.
2. Reading and approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 27, 2005.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

**ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS
AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS**

3. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works plow and sand Villa Ave. and Elm Ct. to remove excessive amounts of hard packed snow on the roadways.
4. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Chief of Police enforce the one-way travel on Liberty Rd. between Morrison Ave. and Liberty Ave., Monday-Friday 7-9 AM and 4-6 PM.
5. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Director of Traffic and Parking inspect the parking signs for proper placement on Milton St. between Orchard St. and the Cambridge line.
6. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works notify the electric utility to repair or replace the streetlamps at the west corner of Morrison and Willow Aves.
7. Order By Ald. Sullivan, That the Commissioner of Public Works contact the Commissioner of DCR to request that the KEEP RIGHT sign be replaced at the intersection of McGrath Highway and Highland Ave.
8. Order By Ald. Sullivan, Heuston and Trane, That the Youth Services Committee review the Youth Coordinator position to include job qualifications and job duties.

9. Order By Ald. Sullivan, Pero and Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works ensure that the sidewalk on Marshall St. is cleared of snow and that in the future, snow is cleared from this area in a timely manner.
10. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works conduct a 'pothole patrol' of all streets in Ward 1 and take all corrective action.
11. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works work with the Ward 1 Alderman to alleviate any problems caused by the city owned tree to the property at 26 Wisconsin Ave.
12. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Director of SPCD inform the manager of K-Mart to regularly inspect East Somerville for stray shopping carts and remove them from our city streets.
13. Resolution By Ald. Roche, That this Board requests that DCR clear all McGrath Hwy. sidewalks, especially from Highland Ave. to Broadway, of snow and ice immediately after any storm, and that our state delegation be notified for follow-up.
14. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair two sidewalk panels at 50 Dane St.
15. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works take the necessary action on the tree roots which have uplifted sidewalk panels at 29 Bolton St., causing a safety hazard to pedestrians.
16. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the raised sidewalk on Broadway between Sargent Ave. and Kensington St.
17. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Director of SPCD report on the licensing status of Modern Floors on Marshall St.
18. Resolution By Ald. Pero, That this Board requests that the Dedication Commission consider dedicating the corner of Medford and School St. in honor of WWII Veteran Romeo DiStasio, who resided until his passing at 186 School St.
19. Order By Ald. Pero, That the City Solicitor draft language to establish the Somerville Commission on Monuments, Memorials and Dedications for the purpose of preserving, protecting and planning such activities.

20. Resolution By Ald. Pero and the Entire Board, That this Board honors the memory of the following Somerville veterans who were casualties of the Viet Nam War during the months of January and February:
 Army Specialist 4th class Francis H. Corwin Jr., deceased January 15, 1969, age 21;
 Army Private First Class Frederick J. O'Connor Jr., deceased February 27, 1968, age 21;
 Army Sergeant William D. Holden, deceased February 16, 1947, age 27;
 USMC Private First Class Michael J. Brady, deceased February 23 1969, age 19;
 USMC Private First Class John J. Kenney, deceased February 23, 1969, age 19;
 USMC Corporal Russell W. Wendler, deceased February 17, 1969, age 20; and
 USMC Sergeant John D. McClean, deceased February 4, 1968, age 22.
21. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Superintendent of Lights and Lines inspect the area around Claremon St. and Broadway and make recommendations to improve lighting conditions.
22. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Director of SPCD inspect 104 -106 Woodstock St. to ensure that the proper permits are in place and the property is secured at night.
23. Order By Ald. Provost, That the Director of SPCD report to this Board the feasibility of using the Homans Building as a Public Safety Building.
24. Order By Ald. Provost, That the Director of SPCD meet with the Committee on Housing and Community Development to discuss the feasibility of collaborating with the Boston Redevelopment Authority on a Smart Growth Overlay District for the Sullivan Square area.
25. Order By Ald. Provost, That the Inspectional Services Dept. prioritize enforcement of snow removal from sidewalks along the ways depicted in the School Dept.'s "Safe Routes to School" maps, and do so proactively, between snow storms and school days, without waiting for complaints to come in, and that the City Clerk communicate this Order to the School Committee and the School Dept.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

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| 26. | Mayor's Request | Requesting that the Board convene in Executive Session to discuss pending non-union labor matters. |
| 27. | Mayor's Request | Requesting a transfer of \$500 from the Purchasing OM Acct. to the Personnel Lump Sum Settlement Acct. |
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| 29. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval to expend a \$12,820 grant received as reimbursement from Homeland Security for installation of security gate and key pad at DPW. |
| 30. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval to expend a \$5,000 grant from KSS Realty Partners Inc. to pay for planning activities related to the development of Max Pak. |
| 31. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval to expend a \$9,600 Smart Growth Technical Assistance Grant from the MA Office of Environment Affairs to study air rights zoning. |
| 32. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval to expend a \$235,294 Urban Self Help grant from the MA Exec. Office of Environmental Affairs for renovations to Perkins Park. |
| 33. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval to accept a donation of \$5,500 from Groundwork Somerville, fiscal agent for Friends of the Community Path, supporting the extension of the Path from Cedar St. to Central St. |
| 34. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval of SPCD's One Year Action Plan for the federal CDBG, HOME Investment, and ESG programs. |
| 35. | Mayor's Request | Requesting a Home Rule Petition to exempt the position of Chief of Police from the provisions of MGL c.31. |
| 36. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition granting legal authority to the Somerville Retirement Board to purchase and/or lease real property. |
| 37. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval of Robert Lomanno as Constable. |

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

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| 38. | Committee Report | Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, Feb. 15. |
| 39. | Committee Report | Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, Feb. 23. |

- 40. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Capital Planning, Feb. 15.
- 41. Committee Report Report of the committee on Legislative Matters, Feb. 15.
- 42. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Housing and Community Development, Feb. 16.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS

- 43. City Officer Comm. City Clerk submitting a Public Official Bond.
- 44. City Officer Comm. Chief Assessor responding to #178164 re: Sited Parcels.
- 45. City Officer Comm. Asst. City Solicitor responding to #178071 re: Allowing sale of liqueurs and cordials by beer & wine licensees.

NEW BUSINESS

- 46. Public Occ **Public Property Occupancy Permit**
Somerville Striders Athletic Club “Big Man Run” road race, Khoury’s State Spa, Aug. 6, 4:19PM.
- 47. Public Occ Somerville Striders Athletic Club 5KM Road Race, Davis Sq. Elm St., March 20, 11AM.
- 48. Public Occ Somerville Homeless Coalition Road Race, Seven Hills Park and Davis Sq., Oct. 2, 7AM-1PM.
- 49. Public Occ Somerville Homeless Coalition Road Race, Holland St.-Elm St.-Somerville Ave.-Central St.-Summer St.-Willow Ave.-Highland Ave.-Holland St., Oct. 2, 10-11AM.
- 50. Public Occ Somerville Homeless Coalition, Ride 2 Love Motorcycle Ride and Party, Trum Field, June 5, 8AM-4PM.
- 51. Public Occ Somerville Road Runners “Summer Steamer Road Race”, Khoury’s Spa, July 10, 10AM.
- 52. Public Occ Somerville Road Runner’s Gobble Gobble Gobble Road Race, The Burren-Davis Sq., Nov. 24, 8AM.
- 53. Public Occ College Ave. United Methodist Church Ecumenical Palm Sunday Parade, Powderhouse Park to College Ave. to Davis Sq., March 20, 9-10AM.

54. Public Occ Emerson College Film Shoot, Bike path outside Davis Sq.,
Feb. 26, 9AM-2PM.
55. Used Car Lic **Renewal of Second Hand Auto License, Class II**
Pat's Auto Body Inc., 161 Linwood St.
56. Used Car Lic Pat's Auto Body Inc., 308 McGrath Hwy.
57. Used Car Lic Pat's Auto Body Inc., 182 Washington St.
58. Flamm. Lic **Renewal of Flammables License**
Aris Auto Inc., 3 Craigie St., 30,394 Gallons.
59. Flamm. Lic Haddad Service Station, 205 Broadway, 27,000 Gallons.
60. Flamm. Lic Tufts University, 39R Latin Way, 20,000 Gallons.
61. Flamm. Lic Tufts University, 61 Talbot Ave., 24,005 Gallons.
62. Sign/Awning **New Sign/Awning over a Public Way**
Eleni Kontis dba Curves, 622 Somerville Ave.
63. Sign/Awning Jan Stephenson dba Spark Craft Studios, 50 Grove St.
64. Amusement **New Automatic Amusement Device License**
Device Jodie Nealley, Tufts Mayer Campus Center, 4 devices.
65. Livery Lic. **New Livery License Application**
Jorge Hernandez & Jose A. Escobar, Somerville Livery,
26 Trenton St., #2, E. Boston.
66. Taxi Driver **New Taxi Driver**
Louino Morne.
67. Taxi Driver Robert Noetzel.
68. Taxi Driver Jethro Saint-Louis.
69. Comm. **Communication**
Sen. Shannon responding to #178160 re: removal of snow
from state owned parcels of land in Somerville.

ITEMS RECEIVED AFTER 2:00 PM